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H.B. No. 273

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the content of local and state propositions on the
ballot.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 52.095, Election Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 52.095. PROPOSITIONS. (a) Except as otherwise
provided by law, the authority ordering an election in which more
than one measure is to be voted on shall determine the order in
which the propositions are to appear on the ballot and identify them
as follows:

(1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), for each
proposition on the ballot, the authority ordering the election
shall assign a letter of the alphabet to the measure that
corresponds to its order on the ballot; and

(2) for each proposition on the ballot to be voted on
statewide, the authority ordering the election shall assign a
number to the measure that corresponds to its order on the ballot.

(b) Each proposition on the ballot must identify the name of
the authority ordering the election on the measure.

(c) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures
necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 274, Election Code, is
amended by adding Section 274.004 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 274.004. PROPOSITION BALLOT ORDER. A proposed
2 constitutional amendment must be placed on the ballot before all
3 other propositions.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.